## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PERMIT APPLICATION: NRS #05.465** 

**APPLICANT:** State of Tennessee

Department of Transportation

**Environmental Planning and Permits Division** 

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**LOCATION**: SR-88 (L.M. 12.56) Unnamed Branch

**Lauderdale** County

**WATERSHED DESCRIPTION:** The unnamed tributary watershed consists of several small wet weather field drains from agricultural fields south of SR-88. Land use is predominantly rural/agricultural. The intermittent unnamed tributary is primarily sand/mud bottomed and varies in width approximately 2 to 4 foot wide with 3-foot banks. The existing vegetation along the stream channel is grasses and shrubs.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The applicant proposes to replace the existing SR-88 bridge over an unnamed tributary to Mill Creek. The replacement would require relocation of an intermittent roadside field drainage channel. At Station 60+60+/- (Rt.) to Sta. 63+50+/- (Rt.) the existing 310 ft. of open intermittent channel would be relocated into a channel 305 ft. in length matching the existing stream morphology and flow. A short drainage tributary at Station 61+80+/- (Rt.) would have 23 ft. of channel length eliminated. Other aspects of the project are covered under general permits for road crossing and utility line crossings. Standard erosion control devices would be used to prevent sediment from entering flowing water. The applicant also proposes to mitigate stream impacts by paying \$5, 600.00 to the In-lieu Fee Stream Mitigation Program. Upon completion of the work, all disturbed areas would be stabilized and planted with native grasses.

**PERMIT COORDINATOR: Brian Canada**, STATE OF TENNESSEE, Department of Environment and Conservation Division of Water Pollution Control, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, L&C Annex, 401 Church Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1534

USGS TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE: Fowlkes, TN (421-NW)

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:** The application described above has been submitted for an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit pursuant to *The Tennessee Water Quality Control Act of 1977*, T.C.A. §69-3-108.

The purpose of this notice is to advise all concerned of the proposal for which a permit is sought, and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the probable impact of the activities upon the respective water resources. The decision whether to issue or deny will in part be based upon that evaluation. All factors that may be relevant to the proposals will be considered.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the issuance of a proposed permit are invited to submit comments in writing to the Department of Environment and Conservation Division of Water Pollution Control at the address listed above. Written statements received in this office on or before the date of expiration of the comment period thirty days from the publication date of this notice will become part of the record and will be considered in the determination. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced.

Interested persons may also request in writing that the director of the Division hold a public hearing on any application. The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person requesting it, and the reasons that the hearing is warranted. When there is sufficient public interest, the director shall hold a hearing in accordance with Rule 1200-4-7-.04(4)(f).

After consideration of comments submitted during the public comment period, the hearing record if any, and the requirements of federal and State law, the director of the Division will make determinations regarding the final action on each permit. Permit applications, supporting documentation, and related comments are available for review and/or copying.

In accordance with the Tennessee Antidegradation Statement (Rule 1200-4-3-.06), the division has determined that the proposed activity will not result in degradation to water quality.

